

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 2,

Luke 1:26-55

An Angel Appears to Mary

In this passage, an angel appears to a young Jewish woman called Mary. The angel announced that Mary would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and give birth to Jesus.

Read [Luke 1:26-38](#)

1. How many months have passed since Elizabeth's pregnancy began.
2. What was the name of the angel sent to Mary? Where was Mary living? Who was Mary engaged to, and who was he descended from?
3. How did Mary feel when the angel appeared? Do you see any similarities between Mary and Zechariah's response to the angel's appearance? How did the angel calm Mary?
4. What did the angel say was going to happen to Mary? What would be the child's name? Does verse 33 surprise you? Why?
5. How did the angel say that Mary would become pregnant? Whose son would the child be?
6. What was Mary's attitude about this news? Does her attitude surprise you?

Read [Luke 1:39-55](#)

7. Where did Mary go after receiving this news?
8. What did Elizabeth's baby do inside her?
9. What did Elizabeth think about Mary's news in verse 42?
10. Why does Elizabeth think that Mary is blessed? Why is belief so important to God?
11. Verses 46-55 are a song that Mary sang. Sometimes it is known as "The Magnificat." Why do you think that Mary burst into song?
12. Does Mary think that she was chosen because she was important? Why do you think that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus?
13. Verse 55 reminds us of a promise God made to Abraham. Read [Genesis 17:19](#). How is that promise being fulfilled in Jesus?

Chat about these words from the passage:

pregnancy/descendant/marriage/confused/reign/holy/overshadow/honored/generation

True or False:

- a) The angel's name was Gabriel.
- b) Mary was married to Joseph and became pregnant with him.
- c) Mary was called the Queen of Heaven.
- d) One of Jesus' ancestors was King David

For Discussion:

What do you think about this story? Why do you think it might be important?

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Do you think it is possible for a virgin to become pregnant?
Why do you think it was helpful for Mary to visit Elizabeth?

Fill in the Blanks:

- a) Mary was _____ to be _____ to a man named Joseph.
- b) An angel called _____ appeared to Mary.
- c) _____ said that she was the Lord's servant.
- d) Elizabeth's baby _____ inside her when Mary visited.

For Discussion:

What do you think about this story? Why do you think it might be important?
Why do you think an angel appeared to Mary?
Do you believe it is possible for a virgin to become pregnant?
Why do you think Mary would describe herself as a "servant of the Lord"?

Notes:

More Research

[Why was Jesus born from a virgin. Does it matter?](#)